

# News in Brief

## Outstanding performers

■ Tech. Sgt. Wyatt Castle of the 3rd Communications Squadron single-handedly inspected five areas in the maintenance support work center. He vastly improved the filing system by creating a logical plan for 20 work centers, enabling evaluators to detect adverse trends in maintenance, enhancing equipment maintenance and training quality and flight safety. Castle eased the flight's workload and ensured that the evaluation schedule continued uninterrupted by assuming maintenance support scheduling duties, permitting four personnel to support wing defense requirements.

■ Gina Bennett, Shlonda Sealy, Tech. Sgt. Erwin Deguia, Staff Sgt. John LaBonte and Airman 1st Class Robert Casciani of the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron leaped into action when an intoxicated individual entered the terminal with a concealed, loaded firearm. Upon their initial assessment of the situation, Bennett and Sealy took control and called their military team members for assistance. Deguia immediately came to their aid while LaBonte and Casciani notified and relayed critical information to the 3rd Security Forces Squadron dispatcher while implementing the appropriate Quick

## BX, Commissary pedestrian crossing

**Q**: I am calling about the crossing areas in front of the BX and commissary.

I have a small child and was trying to cross in the crosswalk in front of the commissary recently. The traffic to the left of me stopped, but the traffic to the right did not. I literally had to jump with my child out of the way of a speeding car that didn't even slow down, much less stop. I was so upset when I got in the commissary, I voiced my complaint only to hear that this is a constant problem and people complain about it all the time. I filled out a complaint form, but have heard nothing from it.

This is what I propose: Put some speed limit signs in the crossing area of the BX and commissary (there are none there now). Also, paint a wide crosswalk that covers the entrance and exit doors of the BX and commissary. This was done at our last base and it seemed to work.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOE LAWS

## POW/MIA Salute

Senior Airman Dennis White of the base honor guard salutes the POW/MIA table at the 2001 Air Force Ball Friday night.

Response Checklists. Their quick thinking, teamwork and courage quickly contained a potentially harmful situation and prevented a breach of security.

■ Colleen Corcoran of the 3rd

Mission Support Squadron rendered advice and assistance to a supervisor counseling an employee regarding work performance and behavior. Colleen intervened as a mediator to resolve the issues that were at the root of the problem. Her negotiating skills and desire to help brought the supervisor and employee together.

# Action Line

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

**552-2224**  
**actionline@elmendorf.af.mil**



Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser

Something needs to be done to make it safe for pedestrians to cross. It is especially difficult if you have young children. Please respond to the probability of this solution.

Thank you.

**A**: We have received many complaints about traffic in front of the BX and commissary, as well as complaints concerning delays entering the mall complex.

Many customers are using Walmsley Avenue to enter the BX and Commissary parking lot, but this entrance was designed as a service entrance, not the main entrance. To

alleviate this problem, our civil engineers will close the road connecting Walmsley Avenue and the main parking lot by Nov. 30. Customers must use Westover Avenue, which is the main entrance, and the conflicts between motorists and pedestrians should diminish.

The cross walks you requested are in place, but are covered with snow and will likely remain so until the spring. We'll look at the paint scheme next spring. We're working hard to solve this problem.

Please let us know if the situation is still unacceptable after Walmsley Avenue is blocked.



## The War against TERROR

## Handling suspicious packages

*The following information was originally presented in the form of an advisory from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

- Look for the following suspicious indicators on your arriving mail:
- Excessive postage, indicating the package was possibly mailed from a foreign country;
  - Excessive tape or string;
  - No return address;
  - Restrictive markings;
  - Misspelled words;
  - Badly typed or written;
  - Addressed to a title only, or to the wrong title;
  - Protruding wires;
  - Lopsided or uneven;
  - Rigid or bulky packaging;
  - Strange odor;
  - Oily stains, discolorations or crystalization on wrapping materials.
- If you receive a suspicious letter or package, follow the procedures:
- Handle with care; don't shake or bump.
  - Don't open, smell or taste the package.
  - Isolate the package and evacuate the immediate area.
  - Treat it suspiciously; call the Law Enforcement Desk at 552-4444.



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## PHOTOS & GRAPHICS

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The following photos/illustrations appear in this week's edition:  
**On the Cover:** (Photos see inside) Text illustrations by Staff Sgt. Jim Fisher



## 3rd Wing History Moment



**Nov. 22, 1951:** A 13th Bombardment Squadron B-26B did not return from its bombing mission. The Secretary of Air Force reported the team killed in action Dec. 31, 1953.

Both parties eventually agreed upon an acceptable settlement. The employee received a fresh start, the complaints were withdrawn and the 3rd Wing avoided a costly complaint process.

■ Staff Sgts. Eric Bower and Paul Peters; Senior Airmen Justin Hathaway and Eric Chase; and Airmen 1st Class David Strunk and Robert Phillips of the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight flawlessly performed 20 F-15 and five KC-135 phase inspections, enabling the 18th Wing to meet its flying commitment. They also voluntarily worked numerous hours of overtime, providing methodical training to incoming phase technicians and ensuring the health of the “Shogun” fleet. The performance displayed by this team showcased a team attitude while furthering the “One Team, One Fight” concept.

■ Staff Sgt. Janice Planteen of the 3rd Operations Support Squadron Airfield Operations Flight organized all facets of a squadron-wide detail supporting the United Service Organizations lounge at Anchorage International Airport. Planteen amassed 120 volunteers to fulfill 480 hours of volunteer work. Her efforts ensured more than 500 transient passengers’ needs were met and garnered \$1,000 for the squadron booster club.

### SGLI extension

The grace period during which servicemebers can decline or reduce

their spouses’ Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance coverage and receive a refund for premiums paid has been extended to Dec. 31.

### AAFES now hiring

AAFES is accepting applications to fill the following vacancies in their stores and restaurants: custodial workers, food service workers and sales associates. Applicants with flexible or restricted hours are encouraged to apply. If you are interested in a position, contact the AAFES Human Resources Office at 753-7242.

### Christmas musical

A base-wide Christmas musical will be presented Dec. 9 at 7 p.m at Chapel 1.

### Air Force Band concert

The Air Force Band of the Pacific’s “Top Cover” will present its annual “Home for the Holidays” concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 21 in the Atwood Concert Hall at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets will be available at the ACPA ticket office Friday until the day of the concert.

### Family Support Center

The Family Support Center offers the following classes:

- Learn to deal with job interviews at an Interviewing and Salary Negotiation class Monday at 9 a.m.
- Spouses of deployed and remote tour members meet for a Hearts Apart Coffee Break Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. No reservations are

required.

■ Help your children get ready for your next move at Kids’ Smooth Move Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

■ Take a Cabin Fever Break Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

■ New and expecting parents can attend Bundles for Babies Wednesday at 9 a.m.

■ Get help recovering from lost relationships at the Rebuilding class Wednesday at noon.

For information, call 552-4943.

### Squadron card contest

Squadrons must submit cards for the squadron Christmas card contest to the Community Center by Dec. 14. This year’s theme is “Peace on Earth.”

Cards must be painted on 4-by-8-foot plywood. All items, must be supplied by the squadron. For information, call 552-8528.

### Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue presents free performances Dec. 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the base theater.

### Library donations

The base library needs book, magazine, video and DVD donations. Donated items will be used to support the Alaska Railroad Project, TDY personnel at lodging, the library’s children’s reading program, the swap rack and other base facilities.

Bring items to the library at 10480 22nd Street. For more information, call 552-6455.



## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Parish

- Weekday Mass: noon at the Chapel Center
- Friday Mass: noon at the Hospital Chapel
- Saturday Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Confession: 4:15 p.m. Saturday at Chapel 2

### Protestant Sunday

- Liturgical service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- Celebration (traditional): 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Praise and Worship (contemporary): 11:45 at Chapel 2
- Gospel service: noon at Chapel 2

### Religious education

- Catholic: Sundays from 9-10 a.m. at the Chapel
- Protestant: Sundays from 10:25-11:15 a.m. at the Chapel Center

### Other faiths

Contact the Chapel at 552-4422 for information



# Elmendorf squadron wins blood bank award

*3rd Communications Squadron responds to need for blood donations — best participation rate in September drive*

**By Senior Airman Connie L. Bias**  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Elmendorf’s 3rd Communications Squadron has taken on a life-saving project. Squadron members have volunteered at every one of the three base blood drives this year.

The squadron was rewarded for its extensive participation in the September drive with the Blood Bank Starving Mosquito Award. The award is given to the squadron with the most donors.

“The award began in July as a way to reward unit commanders for encouraging and allowing a high donor turnout,” said 1st Lt. Frederic Lunas, 3rd Communications Squadron Deputy Plans and Implementations Flight commander.



“The award is presented by the Blood Bank of Alaska and the base blood program officer,” added Lunas. “The trophy was first awarded to the 3rd Component Repair Squadron for its 45 donors at the July drive. The Communications Squadron had 16 donors for that drive, and won the award in September for having 16 donors.”

Lunas keeps his squadron aware of the drives, and encourages squadron members to participate in them, because he feels the need for blood donors is constant and important — a life-saving activity that is always needed.

“America needs you!” said Kempf. “Blood expires in 42 days, so the supply must always be replenished. Sooner or later, you or a loved one will need blood. Please volunteer.”

The next drives are Monday, Wednesday and Nov. 30 in the state fish hatchery parking lot, outside the Post Road gate.

To schedule a donation appointment, call Lunas at 552-5977. Donors should bring their ID cards to the collection site at their scheduled appointment times.

# Base reaches CFC midpoint, raises more than \$21,000

**By Senior Airman Connie L. Bias**  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Elmendorf’s Combined Federal Campaign is at its midpoint, with more than \$21,000 raised so far. The fund-raising campaign’s last official day is Dec. 14.

The CFC, an annual fund-raising campaign, is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees at work on behalf of charitable organizations, and includes international,

national and local charities.

“At the rate we’re going, it looks like we’ll make our goal,” said 1st Lt. Jana Kempf, CFC co-chair. “The first week, \$7,958 was turned in, which I thought was very generous and a great turnout. People’s generosity just amazes me, and we actually got a slow start to the campaign this year because of real-world events. Some units haven’t really even started their campaigns yet because of other duties. So the money we’ve received

has been from just a few units, and those units have given a lot.”

Kempf said 3rd Wing staff agencies are leading the way for Elmendorf and tenant units. Within the wing, the chapel has raised the most money for the campaign.

“A lot of people are also donating in other ways this year, especially because of Sept. 11 events,” added Kempf. “The base had a glove drive about a month ago, and people are giving generously to the American

Red Cross and other helping organizations.”

People wishing to donate can fill out a pledge card, available through their unit representative. Donations can be made using cash, a check, or payroll deduction.

This year, donors can make pledges to the New York and Pentagon relief efforts. Anchorage charities are also on the donation list.

To donate, contact your unit CFC representative.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Community Center patrons can take a break from the busy holiday season with a pool table, climbing wall, batting cage and more. The 3rd Services Squadron also offers other facilities, such as the Fitness Center, the library and Polar Bowl.

## Services' holiday events

By Mary M. Rall  
3rd Services Marketing

The holiday season can be hard on many aspects of our lives, including our waistlines, stress levels, and, perhaps most of all, our finances. When everything from checking off names on gift lists to putting together the spread for a holiday feast takes its toll, it's comforting to know that the 3rd Services Squadron offers many free activities and services for you to take advantage of while giving your bank account a break.

At the Fitness Center, you can work off some of those holiday goodies by working out at any of the facility's free classes. With a variety of classes that include power yoga, step aerobics, kickboxing, water aerobics, spinning and circuit training, even Santa can find some-

thing to keep him in shape to slide down the slimmest of chimneys.

After working up a sweat, you can stop by the Community Center and work up a smile. With family-oriented activities, such as a 24-foot climbing wall, batting cage, tennis court with a tennis ball pitching machine, indoor skate park, basketball court, foosball, table tennis, pool, shuffleboard and bumper pool tables, there is enough free stuff to fill virtually anyone's downtime.

Those interested in giving others a helping hand this holiday season can do so while having an economical good time at the Polar Bowl's Christmas Canned Food Drive Dec. 5, 12 and 19. By bringing in three cans of nonperishable food, participants will receive free bowling games, with a limit of three free games per

person.

Parents can keep their preschoolers' minds off Santa's arrival by taking them to free Preschool Story Hour sessions Dec. 4 and 11 at 10 a.m. at the library.

Children can immerse themselves in stories and activities while spending time with others their own age. Preschool Story Hour will not be featured Dec. 18 and 25, but will resume Jan. 8 at 10 a.m., and continue every Tuesday thereafter.

With so many demands being made on our lives at this time of the year, it can be uplifting to know that it is possible to escape from the demands of the season.

Be sure to make the most of the holiday season by leaving your checkbook at home and heading to the many services facilities, where the best price is often no price at all.

► BY THE NUMBERS:

Don't miss Family Thanksgiving Bingo at the Community Center at 1 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food donation for Bean's Café and receive one free card for every card you purchase. 552-2674

► **MOVIE:** *Max Keeble's Big Move* (PG-13). A seventh grader learns he's moving to a new school, wreaks mayhem upon his schoolyard enemies and faces the consequences when his parents decide not to move after all. 7 p.m.

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► **SKI BUNNY:** Take on Alyeska's slopes at a bargain basement price by purchasing your lift tickets at Information, Tickets and Travel Monday through Friday. 753-2378

► **MOVIE:** See Friday. 7 p.m.

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► **EAT UP:** Enjoy your day of rest at Sunday Brunch at the Susitna Club from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$11.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children 6-12, and children under 6 eat for free. Non-member adults add \$3. 753-3131

► **BOOK SMART:** The library holds the last "Bring Your Parents to the Library" day. Children can register for a free prize when they bring a parent to the library. The drawing will be held Monday. 552-3787

► **MOVIE:** See Friday. 7 p.m.

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► **MONEY MARKET:** Present your Services card at most Services facilities on base for a 10 percent discount on features and fees. To become a club member or for more information, call 753-3131.

► **FUN FOLKS:** Go to [www.elmendorfservices.com](http://www.elmendorfservices.com) and search the links to find a hidden animated \$50 bill and specially marked bonus prizes. The first person to find the dancing \$50 bill will win \$50 cash, and those who find bonus prizes can win anything from ski passes to bowling certificates. Winning dates vary monthly, so log on often.

## Local basketball team meets Harlem

The world-famous Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team will be including Fort Richardson in its Holiday Tour of United States military installations throughout the Pacific rim. The Information, Tickets and Travel office will be offering free tickets.

The show features high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball handling and hilarious comedy routines. The teams will take to the Buckner Physical Fitness Center court Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

For ticket information, call ITT at 753-2378.

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**Hillberg scheduled to reopen, Friday. 552-4838**

**All Autumn Greenware 40 Percent Off**, all day Friday at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

**Basic Sign II**, Saturday from 4-6 p.m. for \$30 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

**Homeschooler Crafts**, Monday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at

the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

**Cross-Country Ski Clinic**, Wednesday at Outdoor Recreation. 552-2023

**Wilton Cake Decorating III**, Wednesday from 6:45-8:45 p.m. for \$35 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

**Santa Mask**, Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. for \$25 at the Skills

Development Center. 552-2470

**Cabin Fever Reliever**, Fitness Center Tour Wednesday. 552-4943

**Boss and Buddy Night**, Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Kashim Club. 753-6131

**Christmas Tree with Lights**, Nov. 29 from 6-9 p.m. for \$35 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470



# Sports News

## Football Frenzy kicks off

SAN ANTONIO — When Staff Sgt. John Stokes walked into his commander’s office, his first thought was that there was a problem. He left smiling, though, after learning that he’d won a free trip from the Air Force Clubs Football Frenzy program to see the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants tangle Dec. 9 in Texas.

“I visit our club every weekend, watch the games and put my name in the hat (to enter a drawing for the trip),” said Stokes, who is stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. “But I never thought I’d win out of all of Air Force Space Command (entries). This was a great surprise. “

This is the first of three Football Frenzy excursions up for grabs. Later this year, five club members and their guests will receive a trip for

two to the Super Bowl in New Orleans, and five club members and guests will head to Honolulu for the Pro Bowl.

“This is just one of several ways that we reward our members throughout the year,” said Frank Black, chief of the clubs division for the Air Force Services Agency. “We’re excited to see so many folks participating in Football Frenzy events — especially with so much of our attention focused on world events right now,” said Al Sonnenburg, sponsorship manager for the Air Force Services Agency.

Club members still have time to register for the next two big giveaways, the Super Bowl drawing Dec. 7 and Pro Bowl drawing Dec. 19. Contact the Kashim Club at 753-5205 for information.



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### Turkey Shoot

The Turkey Shoot Raquetball Tournament took place Nov. 16 through Monday at the Fitness Center. First-place winners were: Mike Phillips, Men’s Open; Amy Carpenter, Women’s Round Robin; Walt Orzechowski, Men’s A; Sandra Stansbury, Men’s C; OB Davies, Men’s Novice; Mark Benyo, Men’s 30+; Steve Knowles, Men’s 40+; and Walt Orzechowski, Men’s 50+.

## Sports Shorts

### Bowlers needed

The intramural bowling league is looking for back-up bowlers. Active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians and their family members over 18 are eligible to bowl on intramural teams. Interested people should call 552-1673 for more information or to sign up.

### Ski clinic

Outdoor Recreation is holding a Cross-Country Ski Clinic Wednesday. Call 552-2023 to sign up.

### Personal trainer

The fitness center has a personal fitness trainer available. Call 552-5353 for an appointment.